Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 Mar 2021 at 16:26 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, occasionally bright conditions through much of the weekend and for milder, wetter weather through Monday and at least morning on Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 27 Mar 2021: Bright or sunny with a few light showers. Turning wet and very windy later.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	20%	10%	40%	90%	90%

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Weather: A mixture of clear spells and occasional snow showers through the early hours, mainly in the west. A cold, frosty start for most areas with a few lingering snow showers west of the A9, but otherwise bright and often sunny. Sunshine will turn hazy through afternoon ahead of outbreaks of rain (snow above 600m, rising to munro level by midnight) spreading eastwards on strengthening winds.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50% around dawn, soon increasing 90%. Falling to 20% from the west from late afternoon.

Visibility: Away from any light snow showers through morning, and as areas of cloud around 400-500m lift and break, visibility will be excellent. Very little cloud expected below summit level until cloud lowers widely from the south and west later, generally to 500-700m. Best shelter across northern foothills of the Cairngorms and Monadhliath mountains.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/27 SW	29/37 W	28/36 W	25/33 W	21/29 W	26/36 SW	40/52 S	48/64 S	47/64 S
900	20/26 SW	23/29 W	23/29 W	22/29 W	20/27 W	25/34 SW	42/54 S	51/67 S	48/63 S
600	14/21 SW	16/22 SW	15/21 W	17/24 W	16/23 W	18/27 SW	28/41 S	36/52 S	32/48 S
300	5/14 SW	9/19 W	7/17 SW	11/22 W	12/23 W	12/25 SW	16/34 S	21/45 S	20/43 S
Glen	5/17 SW	6/21 W	4/18 W	8/23 W	7/20 SW	7/22 SW	7/27 S	9/33 S	8/32 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-14	-7/-17	-7/-17	-7/-17	-6/-14	-5/-14	-5/-16	-4/-14	-2/-12
900	-3/-10	-3/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-9	-1/-9	-1/-11	0/-9	1/-7
600	-0/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	1/-5	2/-4	1/-6	2/-5	4/-3
300	1/-2	1/-3	0/-3	2/-2	4/0	4/0	4/-1	4/-1	6/0
Glen	1/-2	1/-2	0/-2	2/-2	5/2	6/2	5/1	5/0	6/2
Freezing Level	400m	300m	300m	300m	400m	500m	600m	800m	1200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Feeling bitterly cold on highest ground in the strong winds. Winds increasing to 80 or 90mph across the Cairngorm Plateau after dark.

Forecast for Sunday 28 Mar 2021

Weather: Heavy overnight rain and summit snow will clear eastwards to leave a bright or sunny morning with only the odd passing shower. Best conditions expected through morning as milder air spreads from the southwest through afternoon to bring widespread cloud and some rain (falling as snow above 900m at first), especially across the western ranges. The Cairngorms will stay drier, especially northern and eastern parts.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 40-50mph gusting 60-70mph at first, easing a little through morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% falling to 20% through afternoon.

Visibility: Excellent through morning with distant views on offer but some areas of cloud are likely above around 700m. These will thicken and lower through afternoon as milder air arrives, with bases falling to 500m or below. Snowfall will also lead to visibility of less than a few hundred metres on highest ground and rain will leave glens quite hazy.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2-4C rising 7C and eventually 9C through evening as milder air arrives.
At 800m: Minus 2C rising to plus 3C through evening.
Freezing level: 600-800m rising well above summits later in the day.

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